THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) In the Headquarters of the Department there are two divisions, one looking after the public grievances and the other looking after the Commercial Publicity and Public Relations. The Division dealing with public grievances consists of a public Grievances and Investigation Section under a Director (Public Grievances) reporting to the Deputy Director General (Customer Services) and Adviser (Operations);

(b) The present set up is considered sufficient to meet the present needs of the Department; and

(c) Does not arise.

स्वतंत्रता सेनानी, राव तुलाराम पर विशेष डाक टिकट

456. श्री विश्वासराव राम राव पाटिल: क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार 1857 के स्वतंत्रता सेनानी राव तुलाराम की याद में एक विशेष डाक टिकट जारी करने का विचार रखती है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब तक, और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० रंगैया नायडू): (क) फिलहाल राव तुलाराम पर विशेष डाक टिकट जारी करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) राव तुलाराम पर डाक टिकट जारी करने का प्रस्ताव, फिलैटलिक सलाहकार समिति की दिनांक 22-12-1988 को हुई बैठक में रखा गया था । यह समिति स्मारक/विशेष डाक टिकट जारी करने तथा अन्य संबंधित मामलों में सरकार को परामर्श देती है । लेकिन, समिति ने उन पर डाक टिकट जारी करने की सिफारिश नहीं की ।

Home Minister's proposed visit to Punjab and J&K

457. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he proposes to visit Punjab and J&K to have direct interaction with the "misguided youth"; and

(b) if so, whether any economic development and employment package has been prepared for being offered to the youth representatives during the talks; if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The Home Minister proposes to visit Punjab and J&K although as yet no date has been finalised. Various schemes for economic development and creation of employment opportunities in the two States have been announced in the past. There is, however, no question of any unilateral initiative being taken during the visit.

Density of Post Offices in different States

458. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States have higher density of Post Offices than others in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to make all States at par in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. The density of post offices varies from State to State.

(b) The attached statement indicates the average population and area served by a post office in various States and Union Territories.

(c) and (d) Opening of post offices depends on population, distance from nearest existing post office and financial viability. As such it is not feasible to bring about uniformity in the density of post offices in all States.

Statement

National Postal Network as on 1-4-91)

Sl.No	States/ Union Territories	Urban	Rural	Total	Average population per post office (1981 census)	Average area per post office (sq' KM)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1404	14848	16252	3294	16·92
2.	Assam	280	3483	3763	5287	20·84
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	9	254	254	2487	329·69
4.	Bihar	582	10694	11276	6199	15·42
5.	Goa	56	1821	238	4251	14·46
6.	Gujarat	819	7873	8692	3921	22·55
7.	Haryana	308	2214	2522	5123	17.53
8.	Himachal Pradesh	101	2475	2576	1661	21·61
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	195	1359	1554	3852	143·01
10.	Karnataka	1323	8342	9665	3842	19·84
11.	Kerala	686	4205	4891	5204	7·94
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1071	9802	10873	4798	40.78
13.	Maharashtra	1443	10063	11906	5273	25·14
14.	Manipur	35	570	605	2348	36·90
15.	Meghalaya	30	426	456	2929	49·16
16.	Mizoram	39	299	338	1460	62·37
17.	Nagaland	19	249	268	2891	61·86
18.	Orissa	590	7210	9800	3780	13.14
19.	Punjab	458	3321	3779	4452	13·32

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
20.	Rajasthan	822	9048	9870	3471	34·67
21.	Sikkim	13	142	155	2041	45·78
22.	Tamil Nadu	2035	9942	11977	4041	10·85
23.	Tripura	47	619	666	3082	15·74
24.	Uttar Pradesh	2088	17051	19139	5792	15·38
25.	West Bengal	1096	6264	8360	6528	10·61
	Union Territories					
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	12	85	97	1946	85·04
2.	Chandigarh	43	6	49	9216	2·35
3.	Delhi	423	115	538	11562	2·75
4.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	32	33	4142	14·87
5.	Daman & Diu	4	14	18	4357	6·22
6.	Lakshdweep	—	10	10	4025	3·20
7.	Pondicherry	41	58	99	6105	5·91
	Total:	16073	132646	148719	4607	22·10

Pulse-rate between Bombay and New Bombay Telephones

459. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for having pulse-rate system between Bombay and New Bombay telephones when they are local calls for all practical purposes;

(b) whether Government propose to treat Bombay-New Bombay link as local calls; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Calls between Bombay and New Bombay are treated as long distance calls because they form two distinct local exchange systems with their own local areas which is in conformity with the existing policy of the Department.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As per (a) above.

Diplomitic relations with Israel

460. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to alow full scale diplomatic relations with Israel;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not airse.

(c) Government are of the view that the establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel would be contingent upon gunuine progress towards a Palestinian settlement.